

(c) REMARKS

The claims are 1 and 5 with claim 1 the sole independent claim. The subject matter of claims 2 and 4 have been added to claim 1 and a typographical error corrected in claim 1. Claim 5 has been amended to depend on claim 1. Reconsideration of the claims is expressly requested.


Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication that claims 4, 5 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In keeping that this indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of both claim 4 and claim 2 on which claim 4 depends. Consequently, claim 1 should be in condition for allowance. Since claim 5 depends on allowable claim 1, it, likewise, should be deemed allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 7-10 as anticipated by Matsunaga '752. Claims 1-3 and 6-11 were rejected as anticipated by Karaki '875. Since these claims have been cancelled, the remaining claims are seen to be in condition for allowance for the reasons noted above. This action has been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the art rejections, but strictly to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issue. In particular, it is Applicants' current attention to file a divisional application, to pursue the subject matter of the rejected claims.

Accordingly, it is requested that the claims be allowed and that the case be passed to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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